United Nations E/1999/L.61

Economic and Social Council

Distr.: Limited
15 December 1999

Original: English

Resumed substantive session for 1999
16 December 1999
Agenda item 7 (a)
Coordination, programme and other questions: reports of coordination bodies

Draft resolution submitted by the President of the Council as a result of informal consultations

Joint Inspection Unit report on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996 on further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/55 of 30 July 1999,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the Joint Inspection Unit report on the review of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its machinery and the comments thereon of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;[1]

2. *Notes* the measures under way to enhance the functioning of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its contribution to greater unity of purpose and programme coherence and impact within the United Nations system, and to reinforce, to that end, secretarial support to the Committee, through the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs, and invites the Committee to continue to improve its capacity for promoting inter-agency cooperation and complementarities within the United Nations system;

3. *Welcomes* in particular the recent initiatives taken by the Committee, under the leadership of the Secretary-General, to strengthen its interactions with intergovernmental bodies, particularly the Economic and Social Council, and invites the Committee to consider ways in which its members, individually and collectively, can maximize their support to the Council in the exercise of its responsibilities for system-wide guidance and coordination;

[1] A/54/288 and Add.1.

00-20419
99-39163 (E) 151299

4. *Reaffirms* in particular its appreciation for the efforts of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its standing machinery to assist the work of the Council and the functional and regional commissions, in particular in coordinating the follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, and encourages them and the United Nations system to pursue and deepen their efforts in this area;

5. *Invites* the Committee to consider ways in which its annual reports can contribute to this effort by bringing to the attention of the Council, in a timely manner, major developments in United Nations agencies and organizations of system-wide interest, as well as steps taken by the Committee and its subsidiary machinery to enhance system-wide effectiveness, particularly as a follow-up to recommendations and directives of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council;

6. *Takes note* of the decision adopted by the Administrative Committee on Coordination at its regular session of 1999 on United Nations staff security and safety,[2] and requests all States and organizations of the United Nations system to extend their full support to its objectives;

7. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to give special attention, in its annual overview report for 1999, to progress being made towards system-wide coordinated management of information, including the role and contribution of its Information Systems Coordination Committee, pursuant to recommendation B-1 of the Joint Inspection Unit report;[3]

8. *Invites* the Administrative Committee on Coordination to continue to report on its deliberations concerning the recommendations by the Joint Inspection Unit in the context of its own reporting on its functioning and methods of work;

9. *Decides* to revert, in the context of its consideration of coordination questions, including the Administrative Committee on Coordination annual overview reports, to the follow-up to the Joint Inspection Unit report and the related comments of the Committee in the light of the outcome of further intergovernmental deliberations thereon, including by the governing bodies of the specialized agencies.

---

[2] See ACC/1999/20, annex

[3] See A/54/288, annex, executive summary